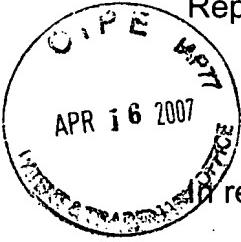


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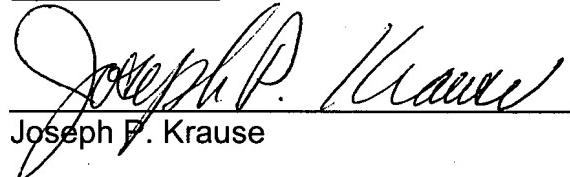
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This correspondence and the attached documents are submitted in response to the office action dated February 16, 2007. In that office action, claims 1-7, 10-13, 15-16, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by pre-grant publication number 2004/0216263 by Best et al. Claims 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Best as applied to claim 1 in view of Ohta et al. (U.S. 6,859,975). Claims 18, 20, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as

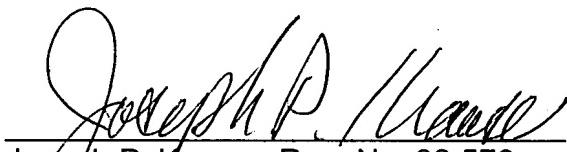
being unpatentable over Best in view of Weaver (U.S. 5,524,321).

The applicant has enclosed herewith, a translation of the Korean priority document and a certification/verification of Gin-ny Kang, that the enclosed translation is a true, accurate and complete translation of the priority document.

Since the applicant's foreign priority date of June 26, 2003 is prior to the Best reference filing date, the Best reference cannot be cited as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) nor can it be cited as prior art under §103. As was stated in the applicant's previous response, none of the parent applications of Best (serial numbers 10/249,113 and 09/849,143) disclose the subject matter recited in the pending claims and cannot therefore be cited as a basis to reject the claims.

Since the Best reference is not a valid prior art reference under §102 or §103, the claim rejections are traversed. The claims should be allowed to issue forthwith

Sincerely,



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